Manufacturing Sukhoi 30 MK-I aircraft by HAL with Russian collaboration

2537. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has finalized plans and blue prints for manufacture of 140 Sukhoi 30 MK-I fighter aircraft, with Russian collaboration;

(b) if so, the terms of the collaboration; and

(c) the steps so far taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. General Contract has been signed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) with Russian agency—Rosoboronexport on 28th December. 2000 for" licence manufacture of 140 SU 30 MK-I aircraft.

Collaboration is for the licenced production of 140 SU 30 MK-I aircraft along with additional engines and sets of aggregates to cater for the life time exploitation of the aircraft. The Russian side will provide for supply of licence technical documents, specific non-standardised equipment and toolings based on the request of Indian Side, technical assistance for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), deputation of Russian Specialists to the project site, training of Indian engineers in Russia, etc.

The DPR has been received and is being studied. The production of SU 30 MK-I aircraft in India is planned to commence during 2004-2005.